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The Honorable Joseph R. Bryson
Chairman, Subcommittee No. 4
Committee on the Judiciary
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am informed that your Subcommittee is presently considering H.R. 3776, a bill relating to the internal security of the United States.

Section 102(d)(3) of the National Security Act of 1947 (Public Law 253 - 80th Congress) specifically prohibits this Agency from any police, subpena, law-enforcement powers or internal security functions. Inasmuch as H.R. 3776 deals primarily with the internal security of the United States, it would be inappropriate for this Agency to comment upon it generally.

However, Section 4 of this bill proposes an amendment which might impair certain of our activities in the field of foreign intelligence. For this reason I would like to suggest that H.R. 3776 be amended by striking out the period following the word "party", on page 6, line 16, the insertion of a comma, and the addition of the following material:

> "or unless, by reason of employment at any time by an agency of the United States Government having responsibilities in the field of intelligence, such person has made full written disclosure of such knowledge or instruction to officials within such agency, such disclosure has been made a matter of record in the files of such agency, and a written determination has been made by the Attorney General or the Director of Central Intelligence that registration would not be in the interest of national security."

This suggested language has already been included by a subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee considering S. 595, the Senate counterpart to H.R. 3776.

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At the appropriate time, I would be very happy to testify as to the reasons which impel us to request this amendment. Because of the nature of these reasons, however, and the security implications involved, I would appreciate it if any testimony which you desire in this connection may be given by me in executive session.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ and disp by hand by Mr. Pforzheimer 5/13

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